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REMARKS

In response to the pending Office Action, Applicants are submitting a certified translation of priority document JP 2003-044552 in order to perfect the claim of foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119. The priority document has a filing date of February 21, 2003. In the Office Action dated June 30, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shi et al. (U.S. Pub. 2005/0014063) in view of Yamada et al. (U.S. Pub. 2002/0076619) and further in view of Kim et al. (U.S. 6,846,594). As the priority date of the priority document precedes the filing date of both Shi and Kim, the cited prior art cannot be utilized as prior art for a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection under § 103 be withdrawn.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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